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RETROVIRUS (Amended)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

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In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2002, having a one month response deadline of October 18, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 37 and 38 to read:

37. (Amended) The process of claim 31 wherein the DNA probe comprises SEQ. ID. NO: 1 or the complement thereof.
38. (Amended) The process of claim 31 wherein the DNA probe comprises SEQ. ID. NO: 2 or the complement thereof.